GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CONGESTION CHARGES FROM AIR TRAVELLERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether airlines are charging congestion charges from air-travellers;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. Some Airlines are levying congestion surcharge. However, domestic air fares are not regulated by the Government. Domestic airlines are free to charge air fares as per their commercial judgement.

(c):- Various steps are being taken to improve the infrastructure at airports and air space management, so that the incidence of congestion itself is substantially reduced. These inter-alia include construction of runways, more apron area to park aircrafts, increase in the number of traffic controllers etc.